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JOBLESS RATE DECLINES SEASONALLY

The Texas actual jobless rate declined from 9.6 percent in June to 8.7 percent in July, as unemployment returned to May levels following the normal influx of seasonal jobseekers which swelled the ranks of the unemployed in June. Many of those new and re-entrants were able to find work over the month, while others looking for summer work may have quickly become discouraged by stiffer competition than usual and discontinued their search for work.

Actual unemployment was estimated at 753,800 in mid-July, down 62,000 from the June level and over 25,000 below the year-ago total, when the rate was 9.3 percent. Total employment in the actual series rose considerably over the month, to a level of 7,882,500 in mid-July.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)			
	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	122,105.0	121,153.0	120,303.0
Unemployment	7,453.0	7,655.0	8,471.0
Percent Unemployed	6.1	6.3	7.0
Total Employment	114,652.0	113,498.0	111,832.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	119,951.0	119,517.0	118,117.0
Unemployment	7,224.0	7,260.0	8,230.0
Percent Unemployed	6.0	6.1	7.0
Total Employment	112,727.0	112,257.0	109,887.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,636.3	8,483.1	8,337.7
Unemployment	753.8	815.8	779.0
Percent Unemployed	8.7	9.6	9.3
Total Employment	7,882.5	7,667.3	7,558.7
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,456.0	8,372.0	8,155.0
Unemployment	703.0	716.0	721.0
Percent Unemployed	8.3	8.6	8.8
Total Employment	7,753.0	7,656.0	7,434.0

In the seasonally adjusted series, the State's unemployment rate has remained at about the same level for the past four months, indicating a growing stability in the Texas economy. The July 1987 rate was 8.3 percent, down slightly from June's 8.6 percent and lower than the July 1986 rate of 8.8 percent. Unemployment varied little in both series for the Nation as a whole. In the actual series, the rate slid downward from 6.3 percent in June to 6.1 percent in July; while the seasonally adjusted rate inched from 6.1 percent in June to 6.0 percent in July. Rates for the U. S. in both series were close to a full percentage point below the year-ago rates.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DROPS IN SEASONAL PATTERN

Despite several indicators of a healthier economy, the Statewide count of nonfarm salaried jobs declined by 22,100 in July due primarily to the deletion of additional jobs in schools and colleges. Most of these layoffs in July were in local schools and colleges, as the majority of state universities' auxiliary staff were dismissed for the summer in June. The sharp decline in the local sector pushed government down by 34,700 in July and erased gains made over the month in other sectors of the economy.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	July'87*	June'87**	July'86**	July'87*	June'87**	July'86**	July'87*	June'87**	July'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	49,200	49,800	49,400	77,300	77,600	77,500	348,500	351,800	353,100
Manufacturing	4,700	4,800	4,800	9,700	9,800	10,000	39,400	39,400	40,800
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,400	1,200	1,300	1,600	900	900	1,000
Construction	2,400	2,300	2,500	4,100	4,000	4,300	19,400	19,400	23,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,600	2,600	5,600	5,500	6,300	11,200	11,100	11,300
Trade	14,200	14,200	13,800	23,300	23,000	22,900	79,800	80,000	81,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,400	4,400	4,400	25,300	25,300	25,900
Services & Misc.	12,700	12,800	13,000	16,800	16,900	16,000	84,100	83,900	83,400
Government	7,900	8,300	7,700	12,200	12,700	12,000	88,400	91,800	85,300
BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR									
TOTAL	126,700	126,700	129,200	56,600	57,000	56,700	64,600	65,300	64,500
Manufacturing	24,000	24,300	25,300	15,100	15,000	15,700	9,700	9,700	9,100
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,300	1,300	1,600	100	100	100
Construction	7,300	7,200	7,100	5,800	5,800	5,700	2,700	2,700	2,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,400	10,000	2,300	2,200	2,300	3,000	3,000	3,100
Trade	31,600	31,100	32,700	11,000	11,100	11,400	17,600	17,500	18,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,700	2,100	2,100	2,100	3,400	3,400	3,400
Services & Misc.	28,300	28,300	28,100	7,900	8,100	7,600	14,300	14,300	13,900
Government	19,100	19,400	18,700	11,100	11,400	10,300	13,800	14,600	14,000
BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION									
TOTAL	46,700	46,300	46,800	126,100	126,800	129,200	1,300.9	1,305.6	1,341.3
Manufacturing	3,000	3,000	3,300	11,600	11,600	12,200	223.0	223.6	228.7
Mining	900	800	800	5,600	5,600	6,600	19.1	19.2	21.1
Construction	1,900	1,900	2,400	7,400	7,400	8,500	63.5	64.1	82.7
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,700	7,000	7,000	7,300	87.2	86.6	87.4
Trade	10,800	10,800	11,200	34,300	34,100	34,500	349.8	350.2	360.5
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,800	6,900	6,800	7,000	130.9	130.9	134.7
Services & Misc.	8,000	7,800	8,000	27,000	27,000	26,600	287.9	286.5	289.8
Government	18,800	18,700	17,600	26,300	27,300	26,500	139.5	144.5	136.4
EL PASO									
TOTAL	184,200	186,200	182,800	514,200	511,800	511,600	69,600	70,300	71,200
Manufacturing	35,300	35,200	35,900	113,500	110,700	112,900	9,100	8,900	9,400
Mining	100	100	200	3,400	3,400	3,600	400	400	500
Construction	9,700	9,600	10,200	30,500	30,200	31,900	3,300	3,200	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,100	10,000	9,900	27,800	27,800	26,600	4,300	4,500	4,700
Trade	45,700	45,700	45,300	133,500	133,700	137,100	14,500	14,300	14,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	10,300	10,100	9,900	29,100	28,900	28,900	4,400	4,300	4,600
Services & Misc.	36,200	36,400	35,000	115,500	114,700	111,100	13,900	13,700	13,600
Government	36,800	39,100	36,400	60,900	62,400	59,500	19,700	21,000	19,700
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
TOTAL	184,200	186,200	182,800	514,200	511,800	511,600	69,600	70,300	71,200
Manufacturing	35,300	35,200	35,900	113,500	110,700	112,900	9,100	8,900	9,400
Mining	100	100	200	3,400	3,400	3,600	400	400	500
Construction	9,700	9,600	10,200	30,500	30,200	31,900	3,300	3,200	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,100	10,000	9,900	27,800	27,800	26,600	4,300	4,500	4,700
Trade	45,700	45,700	45,300	133,500	133,700	137,100	14,500	14,300	14,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	10,300	10,100	9,900	29,100	28,900	28,900	4,400	4,300	4,600
Services & Misc.	36,200	36,400	35,000	115,500	114,700	111,100	13,900	13,700	13,600
Government	36,800	39,100	36,400	60,900	62,400	59,500	19,700	21,000	19,700
GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY									
TOTAL	184,200	186,200	182,800	514,200	511,800	511,600	69,600	70,300	71,200
Manufacturing	35,300	35,200	35,900	113,500	110,700	112,900	9,100	8,900	9,400
Mining	100	100	200	3,400	3,400	3,600	400	400	500
Construction	9,700	9,600	10,200	30,500	30,200	31,900	3,300	3,200	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,100	10,000	9,900	27,800	27,800	26,600	4,300	4,500	4,700
Trade	45,700	45,700	45,300	133,500	133,700	137,100	14,500	14,300	14,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	10,300	10,100	9,900	29,100	28,900	28,900	4,400	4,300	4,600
Services & Misc.	36,200	36,400	35,000	115,500	114,700	111,100	13,900	13,700	13,600
Government	36,800	39,100	36,400	60,900	62,400	59,500	19,700	21,000	19,700

Perhaps the brightest spot in the Texas economy in July was construction, where 6,500 jobs were added -- the largest over-the-month increase in well over a year. Summer months are normally among the highest for employment in construction, and growth was spread through most segments of the industry. Despite this month's gain, however, construction remains over 46,000 below its year-ago level. The other sector which did surprisingly well in July was mining, which rose by 2,800 with all of the increase concentrated in oil and gas extraction. Although this industry also has a long way to go to replace all of the jobs deleted in 1986, the recent stability of higher oil prices has done much to stimulate employment in oil and gas.

All sectors of finance, insurance and real estate recorded some growth in July, for a total gain of 2,100. The largest of these increases occurred among credit agencies other than banks, while the other sectors showed smaller advances. Transportation and public utilities increased by 1,600 over the month, primarily on the strength of transportation, except railroads. This sector gained 1,200 jobs, due in part to more business in trucking and warehousing.

Seasonal hiring in automotive dealers and service stations provided the only growth in trade in July, as the industry as a whole lost 1,500 jobs. Among the scattered, moderate declines in the retail sector, the largest were in apparel and accessory stores and in food stores. Employment in trade is currently down 27,100 from the year-ago level.

**NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS**

Industry	July'87*	June'87**	July'86**	July'87*	June'87**	July'86**	July'87*	June'87**	July'86**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,373.9	1,378.4	1,397.1	68,800	69,300	69,000	34,700	35,100	35,300
Manufacturing	149.1	148.7	151.9	8,800	8,700	8,800	1,900	1,900	1,800
Mining	63.4	62.5	70.5	100	100	100	2,100	2,100	1,700
Construction	84.5	82.8	94.0	3,700	3,700	4,100	1,400	1,400	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	91.9	91.5	94.9	2,600	2,600	2,900	4,100	3,900	4,000
Trade	348.6	349.5	359.4	16,400	16,400	16,400	9,700	9,700	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.6	100.1	105.3	2,900	3,000	3,200	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	354.6	354.0	340.6	14,500	14,600	13,900	6,000	6,100	6,100
Government	182.2	189.3	180.5	19,800	20,200	19,600	7,900	8,400	8,200
TOTAL	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Manufacturing	64,000	64,000	65,200	89,000	88,900	90,300	86,400	88,200	85,400
Mining	14,900	15,000	15,300	7,200	7,400	7,500	12,600	13,000	12,000
Construction	3,600	3,600	3,700	300	300	300	1,000	1,000	1,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	3,000	3,200	2,900	2,900	4,100	4,400	4,300	4,600
Trade	3,100	3,100	3,200	4,600	4,600	4,600	2,800	2,900	2,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	16,900	16,800	17,400	27,500	27,600	27,900	25,500	25,800	25,200
Services & Misc.	3,000	3,100	3,300	5,400	5,400	5,500	3,800	3,800	4,000
Government	11,300	11,200	11,200	20,800	20,800	20,400	13,700	13,700	13,700
	8,300	8,200	7,900	20,300	19,900	20,000	22,600	23,700	22,000
TOTAL	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Manufacturing	43,200	43,800	44,300	43,200	44,400	43,300	36,100	36,700	36,400
Mining	2,900	3,000	3,200	3,700	3,700	3,900	5,800	5,700	5,700
Construction	8,800	8,700	9,400	6,400	6,400	6,300	600	600	600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,700	2,400	2,400	2,600	1,900	1,900	2,000
Trade	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,000	3,100	3,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	10,600	10,700	10,600	13,200	13,300	13,100	9,200	9,300	9,300
Services & Misc.	2,700	2,700	2,900	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,700
Government	8,500	8,800	8,800	7,200	7,400	7,200	7,700	7,800	7,700
	6,000	6,100	5,500	6,700	7,600	6,500	6,100	6,500	6,100
TOTAL	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Manufacturing	490,100	494,100	494,100	37,700	37,900	37,300	45,000	45,300	45,000
Mining	45,800	46,600	49,300	11,300	11,300	11,600	7,200	7,200	7,100
Construction	2,600	2,600	2,700	100	100	200	--	--	--
Trans., Comm., & Util.	31,800	30,800	36,400	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,600	1,500	2,000
Trade	18,200	18,000	18,800	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	131,000	131,300	129,600	8,700	8,800	8,400	11,300	11,400	11,300
Services & Misc.	39,600	39,400	38,900	1,500	1,500	1,600	1,800	1,900	1,900
Government	118,800	118,100	115,700	7,300	7,300	6,900	9,200	9,300	9,000
	102,300	107,300	102,700	4,900	5,000	4,700	12,200	12,300	11,800
TOTAL	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Manufacturing	60,300	60,700	62,100	27,900	27,800	28,400	76,600	77,500	76,600
Mining	10,900	10,800	11,700	2,900	3,100	3,000	15,000	15,000	15,300
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,800	1,700	1,800	100	100	200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	3,100	2,000	2,000	2,100	3,900	3,900	4,200
Trade	2,700	2,700	2,900	1,400	1,500	1,500	3,400	3,400	3,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	16,200	16,300	16,600	8,000	7,700	8,200	19,100	19,200	18,700
Services & Misc.	3,600	3,700	3,900	1,500	1,500	1,600	4,800	4,800	4,900
Government	13,600	13,500	13,500	5,900	5,900	6,000	18,900	18,700	18,600
	8,600	9,000	8,400	4,400	4,400	4,200	11,500	12,400	11,200
TOTAL	WICHITA FALLS								
Manufacturing	50,100	50,400	50,100						
Mining	8,200	8,300	8,100						
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,100						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,300						
Trade	2,600	2,600	2,700						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	12,600	12,500	12,200						
Services & Misc.	2,400	2,400	2,500						
Government	11,100	11,100	11,000						
	9,200	9,500	9,200						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry			Change From		Change From
	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	June 1987	July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,466,000	6,488,100	6,549,600	-22,100	-83,600
Manufacturing	954,400	952,200	955,600	2,200	-1,200
Durable Goods	553,400	551,000	554,600	2,400	-1,200
Lumber & Wood Products	35,700	37,100	38,100	-1,400	-2,400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,500	7,500	6,900	-1,000	-400
Furniture & Fixtures	17,400	17,200	17,200	200	200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,700	44,700	48,300	0	-3,600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,200	19,400	21,900	-200	-2,700
Primary Metal Industries	28,000	28,100	27,700	-100	300
Fabricated Metal Industries	75,200	75,100	76,300	100	-1,100
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,100	37,300	38,800	-200	-1,700
Machinery, Except Electrical	103,400	103,900	107,800	-500	-4,400
Oil Field Machinery	23,600	23,900	27,000	-300	-3,400
Electric & Electronic Equipment	122,600	122,100	120,900	500	1,700
Transportation Equipment	92,000	88,000	84,000	4,000	8,000
Aircraft & Parts	53,000	49,500	46,300	3,500	6,700
Instruments & Related Products	22,000	21,900	22,100	100	-100
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,400	12,900	12,200	-500	200
Nondurable Goods	401,000	401,200	401,000	-200	0
Food & Kindred Products	96,600	97,100	96,900	-500	-300
Meat Products	27,100	27,800	27,100	-700	0
Dairy Products	5,000	5,000	5,100	0	-100
Bakery Products	10,400	10,500	10,800	-100	-400
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,200	4,200	4,000	0	200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	50,800	50,800	51,500	0	-700
Paper & Allied Products	24,000	24,300	22,900	-300	1,100
Printing & Publishing	76,200	75,800	76,900	400	-700
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,600	38,100	39,000	500	-400
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,500	74,200	75,100	300	-600
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,800	33,000	34,300	-200	-1,500
Petroleum Refining	29,600	29,700	31,100	-100	-1,500
Leather & Leather Products	7,200	7,100	7,000	100	200
Other Nondurable Goods	34,700	34,700	32,400	0	2,300
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,511,600	5,535,900	5,594,000	-24,300	-82,400
Mining	193,200	190,400	201,700	2,800	-8,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,400	10,500	10,800	-100	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	182,800	179,900	190,900	2,900	-8,100
Construction	372,600	366,100	419,200	6,500	-46,600
Transportation & Public Utilities	380,500	378,900	376,600	1,600	3,900
Railroad Transportation	20,800	20,800	22,000	0	-1,200
Transportation, Except Railroads	197,900	196,700	189,700	1,200	8,200
Transportation by Air	55,900	56,000	48,800	-100	7,100
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	85,000	84,800	87,600	200	-2,600
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,800	76,600	77,300	200	-500
Electric Services	42,200	42,300	43,300	-100	-1,100
Gas Production & Distribution	27,300	27,100	26,800	200	500
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,658,600	1,660,100	1,685,700	-1,500	-27,100
Wholesale Trade	411,700	412,000	426,100	-300	-14,400
Retail Trade	1,246,900	1,248,100	1,259,600	-1,200	-12,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,700	45,200	48,400	-500	-3,700
General Merchandise Stores	168,000	168,100	161,300	-100	6,700
Food Stores	232,400	233,000	233,200	-600	-800
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,400	131,700	138,500	1,700	-5,100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	78,600	79,500	80,500	-900	-1,900
Eating & Drinking Places	406,600	407,000	408,900	-400	-2,300
Other Retail Trade	183,200	183,600	188,800	-400	-5,600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	442,600	440,500	452,200	2,100	-9,600
Banking	96,900	96,600	104,400	300	-7,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	137,700	137,100	137,200	600	500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	208,000	206,800	210,600	1,200	-2,600
Services	1,377,300	1,378,400	1,381,600	-1,100	-4,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	86,900	87,000	90,500	-100	-3,600
Personal Services	81,400	81,400	81,200	0	200
Business & Repair Services	361,800	360,100	373,200	1,700	-11,400
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	52,600	53,400	61,300	-800	-8,700
Health Services	389,400	389,600	373,800	-200	15,600
Educational Services	61,800	63,500	58,600	-1,700	3,200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	343,400	343,400	343,000	0	400
Total Government	1,086,800	1,121,500	1,077,000	-34,700	9,800
Total Federal Government	195,300	195,800	191,700	500	4,600
Total State Government	236,800	234,800	224,500	2,000	12,300
Total Local Government	653,700	690,900	660,800	-37,200	-7,100

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,800	56,900	55,700	106,000	103,300	100,300	444,200	438,000	422,500
Total Unemployment	4,900	5,400	5,700	7,000	7,400	7,000	30,700	32,900	24,600
Percent Unemployed	8.5	9.5	10.2	6.6	7.2	7.0	6.9	7.5	5.8
Total Employment 2/	52,900	51,500	50,000	99,000	95,900	93,300	413,500	405,100	397,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	169,100	166,700	166,800	86,100	84,400	82,200	100,400	98,900	95,800
Total Unemployment	22,100	24,300	25,500	8,900	9,400	9,800	14,600	15,300	15,500
Percent Unemployed	13.1	14.6	15.3	10.3	11.1	11.9	14.5	15.5	16.2
Total Employment 2/	147,000	142,400	141,300	77,200	75,000	72,400	85,800	83,600	80,300
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,400	57,600	57,600	171,900	170,900	168,600	1,488.8	1,454.5	1,443.9
Total Unemployment	3,700	4,000	4,300	20,600	23,400	21,300	99.7	106.2	84.1
Percent Unemployed	6.2	6.9	7.5	12.0	13.7	12.6	6.7	7.3	5.8
Total Employment 2/	55,700	53,600	53,300	151,300	147,500	147,300	1,389.1	1,348.3	1,359.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	241,700	239,000	229,000	711,300	693,000	668,200	113,500	112,100	110,600
Total Unemployment	26,500	29,200	27,400	53,500	56,600	46,000	12,700	14,100	12,700
Percent Unemployed	11.0	12.2	12.0	7.5	8.2	6.9	11.2	12.6	11.5
Total Employment 2/	215,200	209,800	201,600	657,800	636,400	622,200	100,800	98,000	97,900
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,682.2	1,653.0	1,645.2	97,800	95,600	91,500	47,300	47,000	45,200
Total Unemployment	156.6	172.2	181.6	7,700	8,300	7,400	7,100	7,900	7,400
Percent Unemployed	9.3	10.4	11.0	7.9	8.7	8.1	15.0	16.8	16.4
Total Employment 2/	1,525.6	1,480.8	1,463.6	90,100	87,300	84,100	40,200	39,100	37,800
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	83,700	82,000	82,800	115,700	112,300	112,100	147,700	148,900	140,800
Total Unemployment	9,300	10,000	11,300	7,900	8,200	7,800	26,600	25,700	26,400
Percent Unemployed	11.1	12.2	13.6	6.8	7.3	7.0	18.0	17.3	18.8
Total Employment 2/	74,400	72,000	71,500	107,800	104,100	104,300	121,100	123,200	114,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,400	52,900	53,400	58,300	58,700	60,800	47,600	46,900	46,400
Total Unemployment	4,900	5,600	6,800	6,200	7,400	11,100	3,000	3,200	3,800
Percent Unemployed	9.2	10.6	12.7	10.6	12.6	18.3	6.3	6.8	8.2
Total Employment 2/	48,500	47,300	46,600	52,100	51,300	49,700	44,600	43,700	42,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	627,100	615,100	591,400	51,500	50,200	49,000	59,500	58,600	58,100
Total Unemployment	52,200	56,000	43,300	4,100	4,300	4,000	5,000	5,500	5,300
Percent Unemployed	8.3	9.1	7.3	8.0	8.6	8.2	8.4	9.4	9.1
Total Employment 2/	574,900	559,100	548,100	47,400	45,900	45,000	54,500	53,100	52,800
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,600	79,000	77,200	40,200	39,300	39,300	96,600	95,300	91,100
Total Unemployment	7,300	7,800	6,800	3,500	4,100	4,600	7,900	8,500	7,500
Percent Unemployed	9.1	9.9	8.8	8.7	10.4	11.7	8.2	8.9	8.2
Total Employment 2/	73,300	71,200	70,400	36,700	35,200	34,700	88,700	86,800	83,600
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,200	59,500	58,100				8,636.3	8,483.1	8,337.7
Total Unemployment	4,600	5,200	5,000				753.8	815.8	779.0
Percent Unemployed	7.6	8.7	8.6				8.7	9.6	9.3
Total Employment 2/	55,600	54,300	53,100				7,882.5	7,667.3	7,558.7

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July± 1987	June 1987	July 1986	July± 1987	June 1987	July 1986	July± 1987	June 1987	July 1986
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$ 407.47	\$ 406.39	\$ 397.85	41.2	41.3	41.1	\$ 9.89	\$ 9.84	\$ 9.68
Durable Goods	396.20	397.85	385.28	41.1	41.4	40.9	9.64	9.61	9.42
Lumber & Wood Products	275.60	272.40	286.62	40.0	40.0	41.3	6.89	6.81	6.94
Furniture & Fixtures	253.49	260.13	230.43	38.7	39.0	37.9	6.55	6.67	6.08
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	393.33	371.28	391.61	42.8	40.8	44.2	9.19	9.10	8.86
Primary Metal Industries	442.26	439.95	417.15	42.0	42.1	40.5	10.53	10.45	10.30
Fabricated Metal Products	368.40	361.08	354.89	41.3	40.8	40.1	8.92	8.85	8.85
Machinery, exc. Electric	411.07	417.77	409.59	40.7	41.2	41.0	10.10	10.14	9.99
Oil Field Machinery	468.86	489.09	452.35	40.7	41.1	38.4	11.52	11.90	11.78
Electric & Electronic Equip.	439.52	451.74	407.03	41.7	42.9	40.3	10.54	10.53	10.10
Transportation Equipment	493.64	519.36	505.06	41.0	43.1	41.5	12.04	12.05	12.17
Instruments & Related Prod.	358.00	358.67	319.35	40.0	40.3	38.2	8.95	8.90	8.36
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	272.14	274.53	266.12	39.1	39.5	40.2	6.96	6.95	6.62
Nondurable Goods	421.67	417.36	412.82	41.3	41.2	41.2	10.21	10.13	10.02
Food & Kindred Products	350.22	348.19	342.76	41.3	41.6	41.8	8.48	8.37	8.20
Meat Products	283.56	273.08	274.96	40.8	40.1	41.1	6.95	6.81	6.69
Malt Beverages	940.12	839.45	860.31	52.2	47.4	49.5	18.01	17.71	17.38
Textile Mill Products	323.10	330.02	290.25	45.0	45.9	43.0	7.18	7.19	6.75
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	195.98	198.20	193.04	36.7	36.3	36.7	5.34	5.46	5.26
Paper & Allied Products	460.89	440.02	445.17	42.4	41.2	42.6	10.87	10.68	10.45
Printing & Publishing	385.14	379.46	378.85	39.3	38.8	39.3	9.80	9.78	9.64
Chemicals & Allied Products	662.49	656.43	652.94	43.3	43.3	43.5	15.30	15.16	15.01
Petroleum & Coal Products	670.70	657.72	677.38	44.3	43.5	43.9	15.14	15.12	15.43
Petroleum Refining	697.52	683.39	706.76	44.4	43.5	44.2	15.71	15.71	15.99
Leather & Leather Products	228.17	229.37	217.49	40.1	40.1	38.7	5.69	5.72	5.62
Other Nondurable Goods	395.60	401.77	377.14	44.3	45.5	43.6	8.93	8.83	8.65
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	499.15	460.08	521.51	41.7	38.5	43.1	11.97	11.95	12.10
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	546.43	528.09	481.31	44.9	43.5	41.6	12.17	12.14	11.57
Oil & Gas Extraction	495.93	456.11	524.45	41.5	38.2	43.2	11.95	11.94	12.14
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	500.45	501.70	482.80	40.1	40.2	40.0	12.48	12.48	12.07
Elec., Gas & San. Services	434.98	436.95	444.44	39.4	39.4	41.0	11.04	11.09	10.84
Wholesale & Retail Trade	229.55	227.83	229.23	32.7	32.5	32.7	7.02	7.01	7.01
Wholesale Trade	380.44	383.96	383.50	38.9	39.3	39.7	9.78	9.77	9.66
Retail Trade	184.18	181.48	180.27	30.8	30.5	30.4	5.98	5.95	5.93
General Merchandise Stores	192.16	189.44	197.40	29.7	29.1	30.7	6.47	6.51	6.43
Banking	248.87	258.80	264.33	35.3	36.4	37.6	7.05	7.11	7.03

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	\$ 400.88	\$ 401.99	\$ 393.76	41.2	41.4	41.8	\$ 9.73	\$ 9.71	\$ 9.42
Durable Goods	432.48	430.78	415.58	42.4	42.4	41.6	10.20	10.16	9.99
Nondurable Goods	347.31	353.33	356.59	39.2	39.7	42.1	8.86	8.90	8.47
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	394.13	398.94	400.06	40.8	41.6	41.5	9.66	9.59	9.64
Durable Goods	408.43	419.67	418.84	40.2	41.8	41.8	10.16	10.04	10.02
Nondurable Goods	357.85	352.67	351.74	42.1	41.2	40.9	8.50	8.56	8.60
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	478.16	481.31	469.54	43.0	43.4	41.7	11.12	11.09	11.26
Durable Goods	410.22	410.40	395.09	43.0	43.2	40.9	9.54	9.50	9.66
Nondurable Goods	552.98	561.11	559.40	42.9	43.7	42.8	12.89	12.84	13.07
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	309.25	310.82	297.94	39.8	39.9	40.1	7.77	7.79	7.43
Durable Goods	339.70	346.42	313.97	39.5	39.5	39.1	8.60	8.77	8.03
Nondurable Goods	277.89	274.57	282.77	40.1	40.2	41.1	6.93	6.83	6.88

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Services declined seasonally in July, as 1,100 jobs were deleted. A sizeable seasonal increase in business and repair services was nullified by an equal-sized decrease in educational services, and minor losses occurred in most other sectors.

The durable goods portion of manufacturing continued expansion over the month, pushing the manufacturing total up by 2,200 despite a small loss in nondurable goods. The settlement of a labor-management dispute which had idled thousands of workers in the aircraft and parts portion of transportation equipment was the strongest force affecting the factory job count in July. The return of these workers, along with hiring by other defense contractors, pushed transportation equipment up by 4,000 over the month.

A smaller advance occurred in electric and electronic equipment in July, as 500 jobs were added. Offsetting these increases was a loss of 1,400 in lumber and wood products, caused by the slowdown in construction during the past year. Smaller losses were scattered throughout other durable goods sectors. Minor losses in nondurable goods left that sector down 200 over the month. The largest increase occurred in printing and publishing, which gained 400 positions; and the largest loss was in the meat products portion of food and kindred products, which declined by 500 in July.

WEEKLY HOURS DROP, HOURLY EARNINGS RISE

In mid-July, there were an estimated 613,100 manufacturing production workers in Texas, down 800 from the June total. The average production worker in July worked 41.2 hours per week at \$9.89 an hour. Average weekly hours declined by 0.1 hour over the month, while average hourly earnings rose by \$0.05, thereby creating a boost in average weekly earnings of \$1.08 between June and July. In comparison with one year ago, average weekly hours and average hourly earnings were up by 0.1 and \$0.21, respectively, resulting in an increase in average weekly earnings of \$9.62.

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	<u>July 1987</u>	<u>July 1986</u>
Total Population	16,989,600	16,680,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.3	2.6
UI Covered Employers	315,616	314,621
Total Claims Actions	714,860	902,729
Total Initial Claims Actions	71,796	92,920
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	643,064	809,809
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$157.24	\$160.62
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	\$94,008,741	\$120,951,815
Total Placements	31,243	35,216

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